

National Telecommunications & Information Administration

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COMMERCE'S NTIA TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON TRANSITION OF THE INTERNET DNS TO PRIVATE SECTOR

Washington, DC – The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a public meeting on Wednesday July 26 to get input from interested stakeholders on the transition of the technical coordination and management of the Internet Domain Name and Addressing System to the private sector.

The meeting will consist of two panels, each moderated by NTIA, with each participant giving a presentation followed by questions and answers from the moderator and from the floor.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Acting NTIA Administrator John Kneuer. Mr. Kneuer also will moderate the first panel, "DNS Privatization: Are the MOU principles relevant and the tasks completed?" NTIA Senior Policy Advisory Meredith Attwell Baker will moderate the second panel, "Measuring Success: Do stakeholders believe ICANN is fully sustainable?"

The complete public meeting agenda can be found at www.ntia.doc.gov.

WHO: Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information John

Kneuer; NTIA Senior Policy Advisory Meredith Attwell Baker;

Representatives from the industry, the Internet community, business leaders

and government officials have been invited to participate.

WHAT: Public Meeting on Transition of the Internet Domain Name and Addressing

System (DNS) to Private Sector

WHEN: Wednesday, July 26, 2006

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Registration at 1:30 p.m.—14th Street Entrance)

WHERE: U.S. Department of Commerce

Herbert C. Hoover Building, Main Auditorium

1401 Constitution Ave, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230